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**REQUEST TC 1700  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/837,265
Filing Date	April 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kenneth H. Church
Group Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Shrive P. Beck
Attorney Docket Number	19264.0009U2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 24, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Return Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees**

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for the fees designated below.
- b. ☒ Payment by credit card for the fees designated below. (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).  
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- c. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees designated below to Deposit Account No.
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$375.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1356 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- d. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

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